

Salmon Region

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General Fishing Season for the Salmon Region

All Waters Open All Year except as modified in Salmon Region Special Rule Waters on Page 35.

Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.

General Bag and Possession Limits for the Salmon Region

The following bag and possession limits apply to all waters of the Salmon Region except as modified in Salmon Region Special Rule Waters on Page 35.

Bass (largemouth and smallmouth)

• Bass limit is 6, both species combined

Brook Trout

- Brook trout limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for brook trout

Bull Trout

- Bull trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bull trout harvest is allowed

Kokanee

Kokanee limit is 25

Salmon (ocean-going)

- Salmon seasons and limits are set annually by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and rules are issued in a separate brochure
- Fishing for or targeting salmon is prohibited unless a salmon season is specifically opened for that water

Steelhead (ocean-going)

- Defined as rainbow trout longer than twenty (20) inches in length in the Salmon River drainage (excluding the Lemhi and Pahsimeroi rivers, and lakes)
- Fishing for or targeting steelhead is prohibited unless a steelhead season is specifically opened for that water (see pages 36–40)

Sturgeon

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 49 for details

Tiger Muskie

• Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

Trout includes lake trout, golden trout, Arctic grayling, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, trout hybrids, and sunapee

• Trout limit is 6, all species combined

Does not include bull trout and brook trout which are listed separately

Whitefish

- Whitefish limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for whitefish

Protected Nongame Fish including Pacific lamprey

• May not be harvested or possessed

All Other Fish Species includes bullfrogs and crayfish

• No bag, size or possession limit

Special Rule Waters for the Salmon Region (see Page 35 for details)

East Fork Salmon River, see Salmon River East Fork

Herd Lake

Jimmy Smith Lake

Lake Creek and tributaries (Lemhi County)

Lemhi River

Middle Fork Salmon River see

Salmon River, Middle Fork

Salmon River, North Fork
Pahsimeroi River
Redfish Lake
Salmon River
Salmon River tributaries
Salmon River, East Fork
Salmon River, Middle Fork and
tributaries

North Fork Salmon River see

Salmon River, North Fork
Salmon River, Yankee Fork and
West Fork Yankee Fork
Yankee Fork Salmon River
Dredge Ponds
Yankee Fork Salmon River see
Salmon River, Yankee Fork

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Special Rule Waters For the Salmon Region

See Page 34 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Salmon Region except as listed below.

East Fork Salmon River (see Salmon River, East Fork)

Herd Lake

• Trout limit is 25

Jimmy Smith Lake

• Trout limit is 25

Lake Creek and tributaries (above Williams Lake)

- December 1 through June 30 closed to fishing upstream from the posted boundary at Williams Lake
- July 1 through November 30 Salmon Region general rules apply

Lemhi River

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout, no trout under 14 inches

Lemhi River tributaries

• Salmon Region general rules apply

Middle Fork Salmon River (see Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries)

North Fork Salmon River (see Salmon River, North Fork)

Pahsimeroi River

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout, no trout under 14 inches

Pahsimeroi River tributaries

Salmon Region general rules apply

Redfish Lake

- January 1 through August 7 Salmon Region general rules apply
- August 8 through December 31 kokanee limit is 0, catch-and-release

Salmon River

 Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept

Salmon River tributaries

Section: Those tributaries from the mouth of the Salmon River upstream to the mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River (except Crooked Creek, Little Salmon River, and South Fork Salmon River)

• Trout limit is 2

Section: Those tributaries from the mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River upstream (except: North Fork Salmon River, Lemhi, Pahsimeroi, East Fork Salmon River, and Yankee Fork Salmon River)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial
 Day weekend trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - Salmon Region general rules apply

Salmon River, East Fork

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial
 Day weekend trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Salmon River, East Fork tributaries

Salmon Region general rules apply

Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries (includes: Bear Valley, Big, Camas, Elk, Loon, Marsh, and Sulphur creeks)

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- · No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Salmon River, North Fork

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Salmon River, North Fork tributaries

Salmon Region general rules apply

Salmon River, Yankee Fork and West Fork Yankee Fork

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Salmon River, Yankee Fork tributaries

• Salmon Region general rules apply

Yankee Fork Salmon River Dredge Ponds

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - Salmon Region general rules apply

Yankee Fork Salmon River (see Salmon River, Yankee Fork)